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**PATENT**

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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
DETECTING AND REWARDING THE  
RETURNING OF SHOPPING CARTS

**Group:** Not Yet Known

**Examiner:** Not Yet Known

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-referenced application as follows in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies from the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A process according to claim 2, further comprising  
only generating the second signal B when the shopping cart had been previously used  
to go shopping.

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